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## **COLLEAGUES NAME PETERSON CHAIR OF WOMEN'S CAUCUS**

**BATON ROUGE - Today, the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus announced that caucus members chose Karen Carter Peterson, Senator from District 5, as the chair of the Women's Caucus. The Caucus' mission is to prepare the next generation of women leaders and serve as the premiere voice and leading monitor of issues, legislation and policies, which impact women. It is comprised of female members of both houses of the Louisiana Legislature. Sen. Peterson released the following statement in reaction to the news:**

**"I'm humbled and honored that my colleagues in the Women's Caucus chose me for this critical position focused on advocating on behalf of issues important to women in Louisiana," Peterson continued, "In the coming years, I look forward to working with this impressive group of women to make our State a better place for our families."**

**Peterson has held numerous leadership roles throughout her tenure in the legislature, including immediate past chair of the Select Committee on Hurricane Recovery, member of the Legislative Audit Advisory Committee, Speaker Pro Tempore of the Louisiana House, Vice-Chair of the Senate and Government Affairs Committee, and former chair of the House Insurance Committee. Peterson also currently serves as a commissioner of the Louisiana Bicentennial Commission.**

**Peterson was reelected without opposition to the newly reconfigured Senate District 5 in the fall of 2011.**

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